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Claim Amendment under 37 CFR 1.121(c)

1. (Currently Amended) A method for coating thermoplastic resin beads for use in imitation pearls,
5 the method comprising the steps of:

~~Applying to~~dissolving 12 - 29 wt% of ~~celluloid~~pyroxlin ~~a surface treatment compound (A)~~
~~dissolved~~ into a mixed solution of 14 - 18 wt% of acetone, 36- 42 wt% of ethylacetate, 18 - 22 wt% of
10 butylacetate, and 3 - 6 wt% of benzene to form surface treatment compound (A);

adding the thermoplastic resin bead to surface treatment compound (A) to form a treated thermoplastic resin bead; and

15 ~~coating 22 - 33 wt% of the surface treated celluloid~~
the treated thermoplastic resin bead with at least one of a compound for an under coat (B), a compound for a mid coat (C) and a compound for a top coat (D),

wherein the compound for the under coat (B) is
20 prepared by dissolving 22 - 33 wt% of the ~~celluloid~~pyroxlin into a solvent of 33 - 38 wt% of ethylacetate and 33 - 38 wt% of amylacetate and adding 1 - 5 wt% of a pigment thereto,

the compound for the mid coat (C) is prepared
25 by dissolving 22 - 33 wt% of the ~~celluloid~~pyroxlin into a solvent of 25 - 29 wt% of ethylacetate and 40 - 44 wt% of amylacetate and adding 1 - 5 wt% of a pigment thereto, and

the compound for the top coat (D) is prepared by
30 dissolving 22 - 33 wt% of the ~~celluloid~~pyroxlin into a solvent of ~~66 - 75~~46 - 49 wt% of amylacetate and ~~66 - 75~~
20 - 26 wt% of ethylacetate and adding 0.1 - 1 wt% of a pigment thereto.